

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

COVID-19 Update

I am glad to share that as of today we have zero COVID-19 positive residents at the Walla Walla Veterans Home. All resident cases previously reported are now resolved. There are currently four positive staff members. They are all doing well and will return to work when it is safe to do so according to current guidelines.

We continue to follow recommendations from the Walla Walla County Department of Community Health, CDC, CMS, and the WA State Department of Health. In addition, our dedicated custodians are working seven days a week to ensure clean, disinfected surfaces throughout the facility.

<u>Visitation</u>: All visitors must screen in PRIOR to visiting their loved one. Screening binders are at the entrance desk of every house (organized by room number), and in the Community Center main lobby. Because this is a healthcare facility, masks are still required on campus for all visitors, vendors, contractors, and staff. As a reminder, please take a look at this video on current visitation recommendations for long term care facilities: https://youtu.be/sRAJE_mal9s

<u>Employee Screening, Testing, Vaccinations</u>: All WWVH staff are fully vaccinated, tested 2X/week, and screened for symptoms and/or COVID-19 exposures upon arrival to the facility.

In addition to email notifications, this information is personally distributed to all residents, and hard copies are mailed to residents' primary representative who prefer that form of communication. You may also access up to date WDVA COVID-19 information any time by visiting: www.dva.wa.gov/covid.

Respectfully,

Lonna Leno, Administrator Walla Walla Veterans Home

P.S. Please remember to forward these notifications to any other family member(s) you think would benefit from receiving the information. Notifications such as these are only sent directly to the resident and the resident's primary contact person. Thanks.